

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 12/26/2007 RCE and Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

The Examiner's comments and the references cited in the Office Action mailed 26 December 2007 have been carefully considered and are addressed in the remarks provided herein as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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